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MAN SENTENCED ON IMMIGRATION CHARGE

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that Horacio Medina-Sanchez, age 22, of Eastover, South Carolina and Mexico, was sentenced today in federal court in Columbia. Medina-Sanchez pled guilty in December to entering the United States illegally, a violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1325. United States District Judge Cameron McGowan Currie of Columbia sentenced Medina-Sanchez to time served; therefore, he will be turned over to immigration authorities for deportation proceedings.

Evidence presented at the change of plea hearing established that on October 13, 2011, agents went to a residence on Screaming Eagle Road in Eastover, South Carolina, in an attempt to locate a federal fugitive. While agents

did not locate the fugitive at the residence, agents did encounter Horacio Medina-Sanchez and another individual, both of whom admitted to being citizens of Mexico and in the United States illegally. Both were arrested. Investigation revealed that Medina-Sanchez was previously voluntarily removed in 2009 after illegally entering. The other individual has also entered a guilty plea to an immigration charge and is currently awaiting sentencing.

The case was investigated by agents of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Richland County Sheriff's Department. Assistant United States Attorney Stacey D. Haynes of the Columbia office handled the case.

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